THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY) (a) Production and sales turnover of HMT during these years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Production	Sales
1983-84 . . .	307	323
1984-85 . . .	333	324
1985-86 . . .	383	374

*inclusive of excise duty.

(b) There has been improvement in productivity in terms of value added per employee during these years.

(c) One post of Executive Director and two posts of General Managers are vacant at present in HMT. Suitable internal arrangements have been made pending appointment of suitable incumbents on Regular basis.

Bipartite agreement in BHEL

1223. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the period of the bipartite agreement that was in force in BHEL has expired;

(b) whether the trade unions working in the said undertaking have submitted a joint memorandum regarding the need to initiate a discussion to come to a fresh bipartite agreement; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) to (d) The bipartite wage agreement which was effective from 1.9.82 in BHEL expired on 31.8.86. Some of the unions have submitted a joint memorandum listing out their demands regarding revision of pay scales, D.A., H.R.A. and other allowances. The management would hold negotiations and finalise a new agreement keeping in view the guidelines of the Government.

Strike in Coal India Limited

1224. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased state:

(a) the number of incidents of strikes and lay offs in Coal India Limited, during 1985-86 and in the first half of 1986-87; and

(b) the loss of production in value due to the above incidents?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The number of incidents of strikes|lay offs in Coal India during 1985-86 was 105 and in the first half of 1986-87 it was 42.

(b) The loss of production during the respective period was 1,40,929 tonnes and 4,03,180 tonnes valued approximately at Rs. 296 lakhs and 847 lakhs, respectively.

Coal Production in the country

1225. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased state:

(a) the actual coal production in the country during the period April-October, 1986;

(b) the extnet of shortfall with reference to the target for this period; and

(c) what are the details of the steps taken to achieve the targeted production for the year 1986-87?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The Actual production of coal during the period April-October, 86 has been 82.52 million tonnes as against the target of 86.61 million tonnes indicating shortfall of 4.09 million tonnes.

(c) Apart from close monitoring of performance of coal companies, steps have